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PRESS RELEASE

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and John P. Melville, Acting Superintendent of New York State Police announced today that a federal grand jury in Albany has returned a two count indictment against RICHARD O'BERRY, age 34, of Troy, New York.¹ The indictment was returned on May 26, 2010, and O'BERRY appeared for arraignment on this Indictment on June 10, 2010.

Count 1 of the Indictment charges that on or between about October 8, 2008 and January 20, 2010, O'BERRY knowingly received, and attempted to receive, child pornography. Count 2 of the Indictment charges that on or between about October 8, 2008 and January 20, 2010, O'BERRY knowingly possessed, and attempted to possess, two computers that contained images of child pornography. If convicted of Count 1, O'BERRY faces a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, with a mandatory minimum of five years of imprisonment. If convicted of Count 2, O'BERRY faces a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment. He also faces a fine of up to \$250,000.00. O'BERRY has been released pending his trial which is scheduled for August 9, 2010 in Binghamton, New York.

This case was investigated by the New York State Police. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rick Belliss.

¹ The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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